

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. **(Currently amended):** A chicken astrovirus type 2 (CAstV-2), characterised in that the virus is the CAstV deposited under accession no. I-2932 at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes (CNCM) of the Institute Pasteur, Paris, France or ~~an immunological related CAstV~~ a CAstV-2 that is able to induce antiserum that neutralises the deposited virus.

Claims 2 – 3 (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented): A vaccine for use in the protection of poultry against disease caused by avian astrovirus infection, characterised in that the vaccine comprises a CAstV-2 according to claim 1, together with a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier or diluent.
5. (Previously presented): The vaccine according to claim 4, characterized in the CAstV-2 is in a live attenuated form.
6. (Previously presented): The vaccine according to claims 4, characterized in that the vaccine further comprises one or more vaccine components of other pathogens infectious to poultry.

7. (Currently amended): The vaccine according to ~~claims 4-6, characterized in that~~ claim 4, wherein the vaccine comprises an adjuvant.
8. (Currently amended): A method for the preparation of CAstV-2 antigen material, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is propagated in a cell culture and subsequently harvested from the cell culture.
9. (Currently amended): A method for the preparation of a vaccine according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is mixed with a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier or a diluent.
10. (Currently amended): A method for the protection of poultry, ~~in particular- chicken,~~ against disease caused by avian astrovirus infection, ~~characterized in that the~~ comprising administering a vaccine according to claim 4 ~~is administered to the animals: to poultry.~~